

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 52-22

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, July 5, 2022

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Changeable Copy Signs

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain signs outside of the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL); and generally relating to signs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 450.7.B.
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

2 Section 450 - Signs

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4 § 450.7. Special requirements for particular classes.

5 B. Changeable copy signs. In addition to the limitations of Section 450.4, changeable
6 copy signs are subject to the following:

7 1. Changeable copy signs accessory to a planned shopping center or any separate
8 commercial establishment in a Business Zone are subject to the following limitations:

9 a. A freestanding changeable copy sign may be erected only as an integral
10 part of an otherwise permitted enterprise or joint identification sign.

11 b. Up to 50 percent of the erected sign area of a permitted enterprise or
12 joint identification sign may be devoted to changeable copy. This paragraph does not apply to a
13 sign located within a state-designated transit-oriented development in the C.T. District of Owings
14 Mills.

15 c. Animated signs require special exception approval by the Baltimore
16 County Zoning Commissioner.

17 d. Electronic changeable copy signs are not permitted in the C.R. District
18 or outside the urban rural demarcation line or in historic districts.

19 2. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
20 electronic changeable copy signs are not permitted within 250 feet of national scenic byways as
21 designated by the United States Department of Transportation AND ARE NOT PERMITTED
22 OUTSIDE THE URBAN RURAL DEMARCATION LINE.
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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
2 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on August 15,
3 2022.